Rural electrification in Madhya Pradesh

†89. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced 'Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme' with the target of providing electricity in all villages within five years;

(b) the number of villages yet to the electrified in Madhya Pradesh under the said scheme; and

(c) by when such target for Madhya Pradesh would be met in view of the present situation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As report by Central Electricity Authority, number of unelectrified villages in Madhya Pradesh as on 31.3.2006 are 1904. All these unelectrified villages are covered under RGGVY.

(c) By 2009, all the un-electrified villages in the entire country are targeted to be electrified.

Reduction in share of power supplied to Madhya Pradesh

†90. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have reduced the share of power being supplied to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for this reduction;

(c) whether people from Madhya Pradesh especially farmers are facing inconvenience due to the said reduction; and

(d) if so, the efforts being make by the Central Government to find a solution in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) During the year 2006-07, there was marginal reduction in the

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